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THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

Of the enormity of the evils of alcoholism as they actually exist, and the vital bearing of the temperance question upon the condition of society comparatively few are aware, else there would be a terrible earnestness of united endeavor by the best classes of all people to rid the world of the curse of drink. But tardy as reform in this matter has been, the promise is already in bud, and the prospective full bloom flower is with certainty accumulating sap to its future perfection. It has been said that, "a practice often lasts for a long time after the theory which inspired it has lost its hold on the belief of mankind," and it might also be said with equal truth, as amply exemplified in human history, that the abrogation of a belief must sooner or later be followed by the down-fall of that to which it has given sustenance.

In regard to the question of drink, although there are yet many who hold to the belief that use without abuse is possible, and in accord with the teachings of morality and religion, yet the number is by no means insignificant of those ready to forsake and who have forsaken the uncertainty of purely metaphysical speculation, for the more rational teachings of inductive philosophy in this and allied matters. It is hopeful indeed to know for a certainty that many minds of the first order, representing politics, science, and religion, are arranging themselves in opposition to the long dominant and fatal belief of the ability of a man, to hold in subjection by moral effort, his appetite for spirituous liquors. While by a purely mental process of self-inspection, we may be able to propose an imagined philosophy in justification of such a belief, it can hold against the argument afforded by inductive reasoning only in minds which by nature prefer error to truth.

Statistics varied in their character and extending in many directions go to prove, beyond the shadow of a doubt, a vast accumulation of misery, want and premature death as consequential upon the custom of drinking endorsed by conventional rules and legal enactments which are again based upon the idea of free will and moral responsibility in the individual. While statistics and scientific investigation go also to establish the fact that the aggregate of miseries dependent upon the habit of social drinking is in no wise adequately offset by accruing benefits.

Even as a medicine the use of alcohol is becoming restricted to a narrower sphere. Many diseases once thought to be incurable now progress toward recovery at an accelerated pace without the use of stimulants. Perhaps we are not wrong in saying that the tendency of modern medicine is to eventually, exclude liquor altogether from the *materia medica*, and confine its uses to the druggist's compounding-room and laboratory—not upon moral or religious grounds, but upon those of scientific experience.

Abstinence principles are spreading everywhere wider and wider, but not so much are they the result of the declamations of enthusiastic reformers as the cool conviction among statesmen and philosophers in many different portions of the globe. Some years since it would have been thought a breach of etiquette to refuse a proffered glass of wine; but to-day we find the most respectable people, both in England and America abstain by choice. They recognize "intemperance as a great national sin," and regarding it as the legitimate offspring of the custom of social drinking, have withdrawn their example in its favor. The people of Hawaii should take a lesson from the experiences of older nations.

LETTER FROM MR. R. S. SMITH.
A Story Account of a Voyage to the Coast
—A "Crambo" Club in Mid Ocean—
A Bout of 57 Games of Cribbage with Minister Kapena—
Local hits, etc.

When I had my last glimpse of Diamond Head I was trying to console a little woman, aged five, who "didn't want to ride any more." An hour later those of us who were looking saw the jagged sky line of Oahu through a veil of translucent gold—doubly fair by the suggested possibilities and the realized realities of its beauty.

We were a merry-enough yet a sedate-enough party; not at all antagonistic yet separating easily into three cliques. There was the English-Irish set; the Flora McFlimsey set; and the Island-Hawaiian-American set. There was some little affiliation between sets Nos. 1 and 3—a mild mischief making with the less gawky of the two English youths by the most giddy of the two American-Hawaiian maidens. And set No. 2 permitted the better looking of the British youths to flirt with its one pretty girl.

We of the island set largely outnumbered the others; with whom our connecting link was that most cosmopolitan knight Sir John Buck, of Nalehu.

We had a Cabinet Minister, a merchant and his wife, a merchant bachelor, a sugar planter and his wife, a sugar planter's daughter, a sugar machinery draughtsman, a clergyman's wife, a Scotch-American young lady, a newspaper fellow and three small children, six, and two six bits in age.

We sang a little—helped by the doctor and the engineer. We played a little. We discussed each other, and the sky and the water and the smoothness of the trip, and Hawaiian Politics, and American ditto and the sugar outlook and various other understood topics. We played shuffle on the deck and cribbage and casino and old maid in the smoking room. When Minister Kapena returns to Honolulu he will tell you that the cribbage bout between him and me decided the fate of Hawaiian politics. We played 57 games of which I won 28 and he 29, the final game being decided within sound of the Point Bonito fog horn. But I am happy in the assurance that abler if not more amicable men than the Minister and myself must decide that big question—if it shall ever be decided.

One of the members of the McFlimsey set gave us no end of amusement. She was very stout and very sour looking and had an appetite as large as herself. Marmalade and crackers, and sherry was her between-meals appetizer. Her sister was of the party—as pretty as she was unperturbed, as sweet as she was sour. An old maid in process of evolution perhaps; but as yet unfermented and turned to vinegar. The rest of the set was less McFlimseyish—that is, the man lady was colorless and the man as gentlemanly as his collar-starch permitted.

The two little girls had a good time. The baby also. The baby's mamma not so good a time. "O mamma, see the blueing water; they're getting ready to wash!" said the clergyman's little girl, when we got outside the many colored water near shore. There were a number of clever things said—which I don't remember; and no end of clever things thought—which I have forgotten.

But one night we played "Crambo" in the social hall; and from several bits of verse made I select two: Question, "How do you find the tonnage of the *Mariposa*?" Word, Doctor,

To find the tonnage of the ship—
At least this trip,
Subtract the doctor's estimate
Of his brain weight
From sixty thousand tons
Of hot cross buns.

This was, of course, a libel upon the doctor, who is nothing if not modest. Question: "Why do girls so like to play tricks upon innocent young men?" Word "goose."

Did you ever see a goose
In a bustle and a jersey
(Whether short or tall I care not—
Only she must be a *goose* sure)
Fill a poor man's bed with sugar,
Stick him pins into his coat sleeves,
Lock him, sleeping, in his stateroom?
If you've seen one did you wonder
What possessed her that she did so?
What so filled her soul with mischief?
What delight she found in such wiles?
Let me whisper, let me tell you,
You, my friend of mind inquiring,
You who watch or you who wonder—
When on shipboard one is idle,
Wanders ever, knows not wherefore,
Tries to put her hand to something,
Feels that all things are unstable,
Then comes Satan, imp of mischief,
Finds some work for idle fingers,
Puts the goose up to the *apeps*.
You or I find so mysterious.
This is why, and this is wherefore
O my friend of mind inquiring.

There were a number of good jokes played pro and con of which Sir John Buck was both the hero and the victim. Well! we landed. And ever since I have been busy trying to realize how good a thing it is to be again upon one's native heath. And I say this without one whit less aloha than I have had since I first knew it for those fortunate isles unfortunate where it would be "always afternoon," as the poet meant the phrase, if—

I have seen Consul-General McKinley, and Consular Clerk Hendry and Jamie Wilder and his twelve Hawaiian school-fellows at St. Matthew's Hall. I have seen more "old friends" than I thought I had. But I have not yet been to a theatre or to any church save St. Matthew's Chapel in

San Mateo—the prettiest and most religious-like in California. I would make this more interesting if I were in the mood, longer if I had the time. But, as it is, it is an apology for a promise—a sort of half blown "good intention." Aloha.

R. S. S.

The Tehuantepec Ship Railway.

EL PASO, OCT. 15.—Judge J. Cochran, counsel for the Tehuantepec Ship Railway Company, arrived to-day from the City of Mexico, where he had been to confer with the Government. He states that the terms of the modification of the concessions were agreed upon and will be presented to Congress at once for ratification. They will, it is thought, receive the sanction of that body and become a law within two weeks. By the terms of the agreement the Mexican Government gives 250,500 acres of land and guarantees one-third of the net revenue of the railway for fifteen years after completion, which will amount to \$1,250,000 per annum, and also allows the company to secure from the United States or any other nation or nations a guaranty of the other two-thirds and also the right to rebates to the merchant marine of any other nation joining in the guaranty. Judge Cochran says he saw many evidences of progress in Mexico, and found everywhere a feeling to develop closer and more friendly relations with the United States. The present Mexican Cabinet, he says, is composed of very able and experienced men.

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